

Shaping future publication cultures at Dutch universities

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From shared vision to institutional strategy and practice

Conference in Utrecht – Vergadercentrum Vredenburg – Preliminary program on next page

Introduction

Our current publication practices face a number of important challenges. From the tension between quality and quantity, to the growing costs of scholarly publishing, the need to safeguard research integrity and reproducibility, and the pressure on the peer-review system, publication culture is an important matter for individual researchers, but also a strategic priority for universities, faculties and research units. The recently published UNL Vision on Publication Culture ([link](#)) provides a shared framework for reflecting on how Dutch universities can create publication cultures that strengthen research quality and integrity, support diverse scholarly contributions, and are open, sustainable and fit-for-purpose.

This high-level event will bring together university leaders, researchers, research support professionals, funders and other stakeholders to explore what the Vision means in practice. We will look at how research units can shape publication cultures that best fit their research strategies, and how national initiatives can support this transition. The programme will combine strategic dialogue, examples from universities and faculties, and discussion of practical implementation. Particular attention will be given to the choices, responsibilities and conditions required to move from shared principles to meaningful change.

Confirmed speakers

- Jacqueliën Scherpen - Rector Magnificus, Executive Board of the University of Groningen
- Alexandra Van Huffelen - Chair, Executive Board of Radboud University
- Maartje Huijbers - Vice-dean of research, Leiden University Medical Centre
- Casper Albers - Dean of Behavioural and Social Sciences, University of Groningen
- Sven Dupré - Dean of Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam
- Ludo Waltman - Scientific director and professor of Quantitative Science Studies at the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden University
- Lucinda Jones - Director, University Library at Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Paul Boselie - Chief Open Science and professor at Utrecht University
- Jeroen Sondervan - Chair of the Executive Board, Open Research Europe, on behalf of NWO
- Margreet Nieborg - Head of the University of Groningen Press, on behalf of the Netherlands University Presses (NUPs)

Programme committee

- Ludo Waltman, Scientific director, Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden University (chair)
- Ana Ranitovic, Chief of Open Science, University of Groningen (chair)
- Jeroen Sondervan, Programme Leader Open Scholarly Communication, OSNL
- Maria Constantin, Open Access Officer, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Susanne van Rijn, Program manager, Strengthening support for Diamond Open Access in the Netherlands, on behalf of UKB
- Dirk van Gorp, Open Science Officer and Chief of Open Science, Radboud University

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- Darco Jansen, Manager Open Science and Open Access, UNL (chair)

The working language of the conference is English.

Preliminary program

09:30–10:00	<i>Walk-in and coffee/tea/water</i>
10:00–10:15	<i>Welcome and strategic opening</i> Why publication culture, and why now?
10:15–11:00	<i>Leadership dialogue: What does a new publication culture require from universities?</i> University and faculty leadership perspectives on the implications of the UNL Vision and the conditions for changing publication practices.
11:00–12:00	<i>National initiatives enabling a new publication culture</i> How national initiatives are contributing to the local implementations, and what is needed to translate this momentum into institutional and local change.
12:00–13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00–14:00	<i>Publication culture in practice: university and disciplinary examples</i> Why change was initiated, what approaches were taken, and what can be learned from implementation across different institutional and disciplinary contexts.
14:00–15:30	<i>From Vision to practice: What needs to change?</i> Interactive discussion on how the principles of the Vision can be translated into choices and action within universities, faculties and research units.
15:30–15:45	<i>Closing and next steps</i> Reflections on the key messages and priorities emerging from the day.
15:45–16:30	<i>Drinks reception</i>